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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME					
COMMON: 707 North Calvert St.					
AND/OR HISTORIC:					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER: 707 North Calvert St.					
CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore					
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY:		
3. CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No					
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government		<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial		<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial		<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational		<input type="checkbox"/> Military			
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Museum			
<input type="checkbox"/> Park		<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence			
<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific			
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:					
Land Records Office, Room 601					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore			STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): RHP 2859-1956 12-1-71					
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS					
JFC 139-76 8-28-58					
TITLE OF SURVEY: City of Baltimore Neighborhood Survey					
DATE OF SURVEY: 1975 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation					
STREET AND NUMBER: 26 South Calvert St.					
CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore			STATE: Maryland		

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This block-long office building is a six story high still cage set in a concrete foundation with a one story penthouse. The building is 36 bays wide and 10 bays deep, and has underground loading and parking areas, accessible from the alley behind. The superstructure is sheathed with a variety of materials, including aluminum, plate glass, and white brick tile.

The six bay wide central entrance on the ground floor is approached through a paved and landscaped plaza which runs the entire length of the building, buffering it from the traffic of Calvert St. The street slopes down from north to south, and the plaza dips and rises in irregular, undulating curves to meet various entrances into the ground floor level. Paved in pebbled concrete, the area is landscaped with poplars and various kinds of hedges, shrubs, evergreens and grass.

The main built features of the plaza repeat the use of the curved forms established in the rippled terrain, and can be described as follows:

1) At the extreme left end of the plaza, a railed raised, rounded landscaped area contained in concrete, softens the corner of the building and marks the plaza stairway to a three bay wide cafeteria entrance.

2) To the left of the central entrance, a concrete, walled, circular foundation is filled with a kinetic metal sculpture composed of vertical pipes supporting rocking metal trays at various levels.

3) A raised, circular, earth-filled concrete walled platform to the right of the central entrance, planted with ivy and evergreens at the perimeter, set with wooden benches and a flag pole, and accessible by a short flight of steps on the street side.

At the ground floor level can be counted 13 structural bays defined by 14 steel and concrete piers sheathed in white tile. The bays are infilled with plate glass set in aluminum frames broken by the 3 bay entrance on the left and the central 6 bay entrance. Over the central entrance at the second floor level is a cantilevered aluminum roof with flat top and sloping underside, fitted with lights in circular recessions. On the edge of this roof, freestanding aluminum letters identify the structure as "THE 707 BUILDING."

In the upper five stories each structural bay is broken into 3 parts by vertical slabs of blue glazed brick infilled with windows which sit above white-painted metal panels. The vertical spacing between the windows is equidistant for the entire facade. The windows, set in aluminum frames, are composed of three long lights set one on top of the other. The central member is an horizontally hinged casement window; the other two members are fixed. An aluminum ribbon cornice runs at the roof line and a 10 bay wide penthouse with walls of concrete block painted white rises from the center of the roof.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE**PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Once part of the holdings of the Baltimore Water Company, Block 528 began to be divided into lots and built with townhouses in about 1855, coinciding with the construction of St. Ignatius Church and Loyola College across Calvert St. The houses stood for approximately 100 years, for in the late 1950's the houses were demolished and construction was begun on the 707 Building.

This rather ubiquitous, Mission-informed office building is of no special architectural importance of itself. It is, fortunately, fronted by a sensitively treated, generously landscaped setting which is a fine example of the state-of-the-art of landscape in Baltimore in the period, and which increases in appeal as the plantings mature.

The whole composition provides an excellent foil for the St. Ignatius complex, echoing the height, the solid block long massing, and the scale and pattern of the intricate fenestration of the ecclesiastical buildings. It protects the fringes of the proposed extensions of the historic district from the intrusions of the Interstate Highway now being built above Guilford Avenue. The gracious plaza will undoubtedly give added night time service to the theatrically adapted Loyola College buildings.

In short, although the 707 Building does not currently possess any intrinsic historic or architectural significance, it more than adequately complements and protects the uses and the architecture of the more notable structures in the immediate vicinity.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

320' x 114'

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

William Pencek, Plannign Assistant

ORGANIZATION

Commission for Hist. and Arch. Pres.

DATE

Nov. 1975

STREET AND NUMBER:

26 South Calvert St.

CITY OR TOWN:

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland

21211

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

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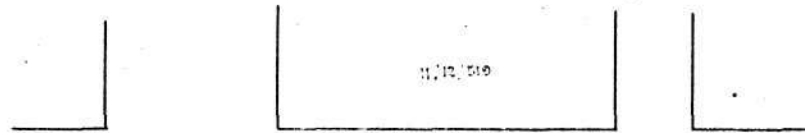
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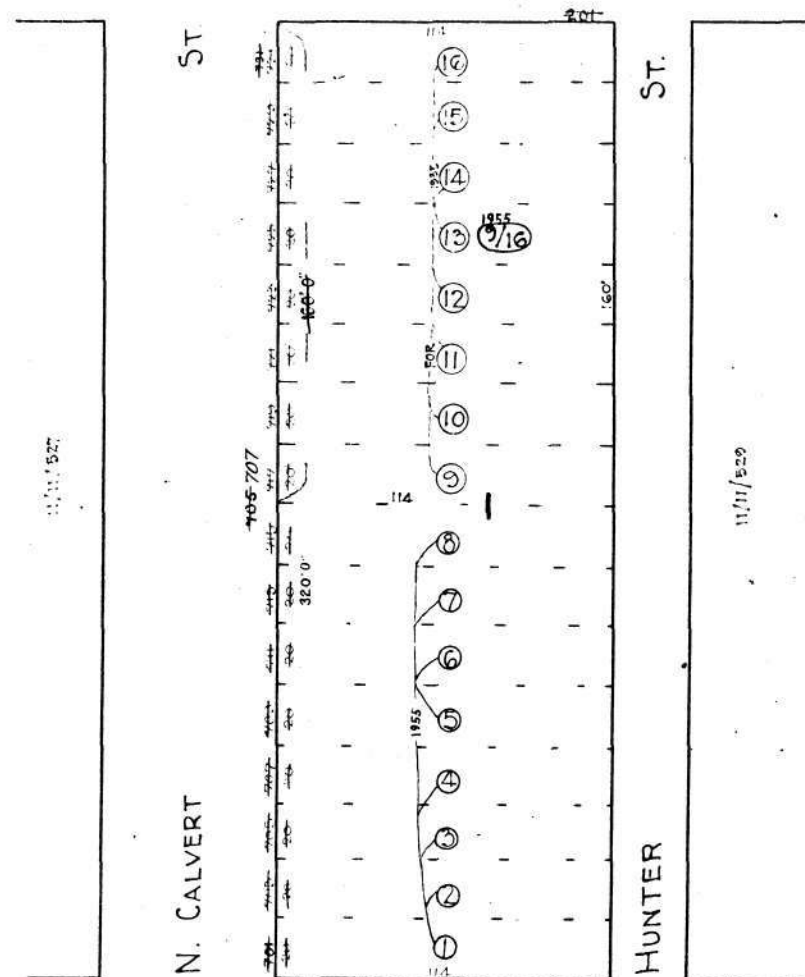
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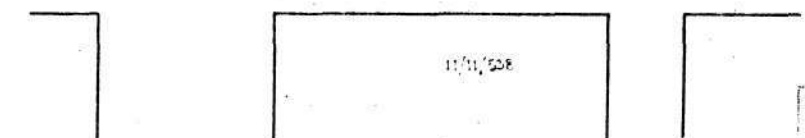
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 Lot 1-8 & 9/16 Contd. Per O.O. C Sh 4713
 Lot 1 Ho. No. Changed Per App. C Sh 8128 A
 Lot 1 Ho. No. Changed Per Field C. Sh. 8128 A



E. MADISON ST.



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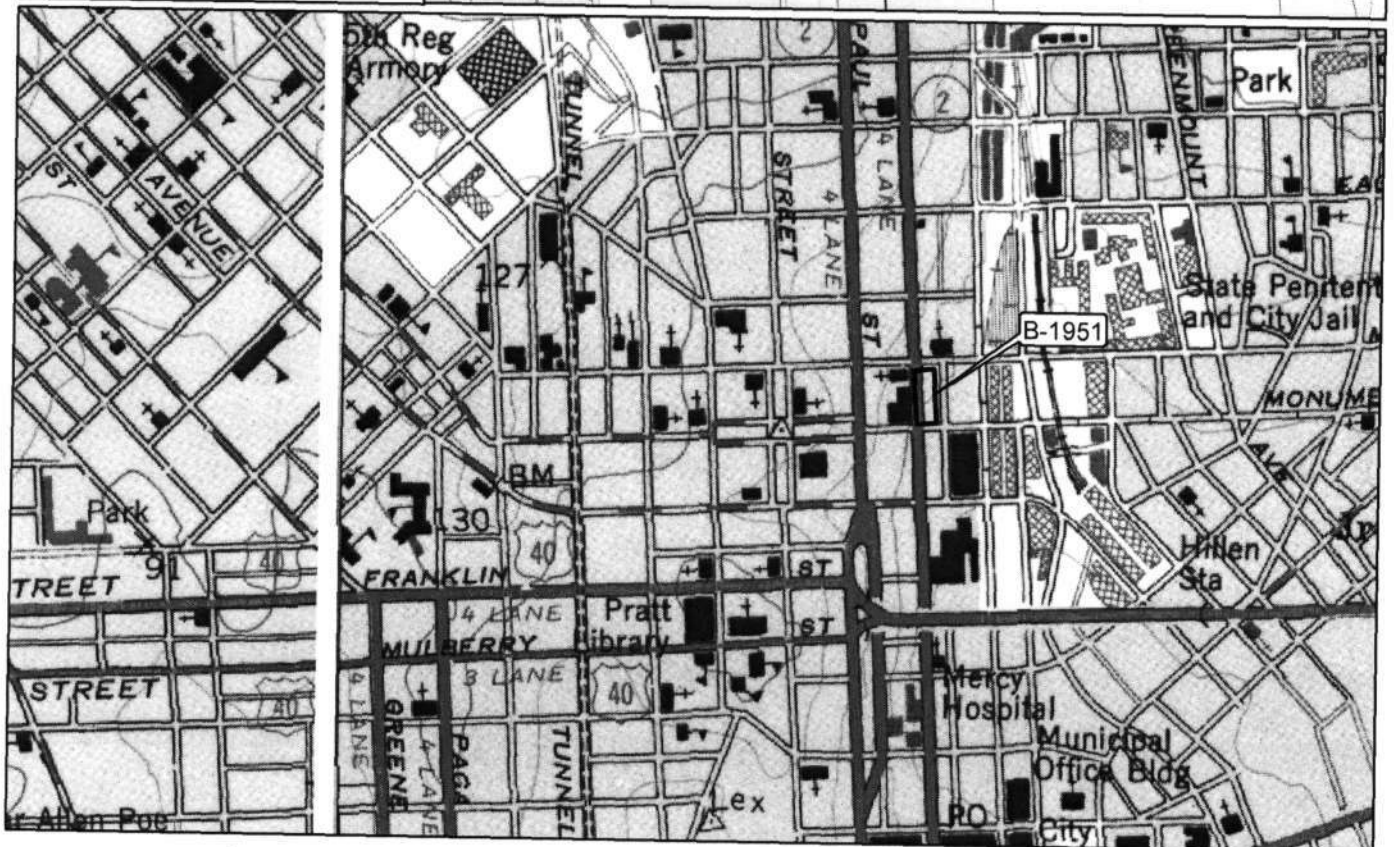
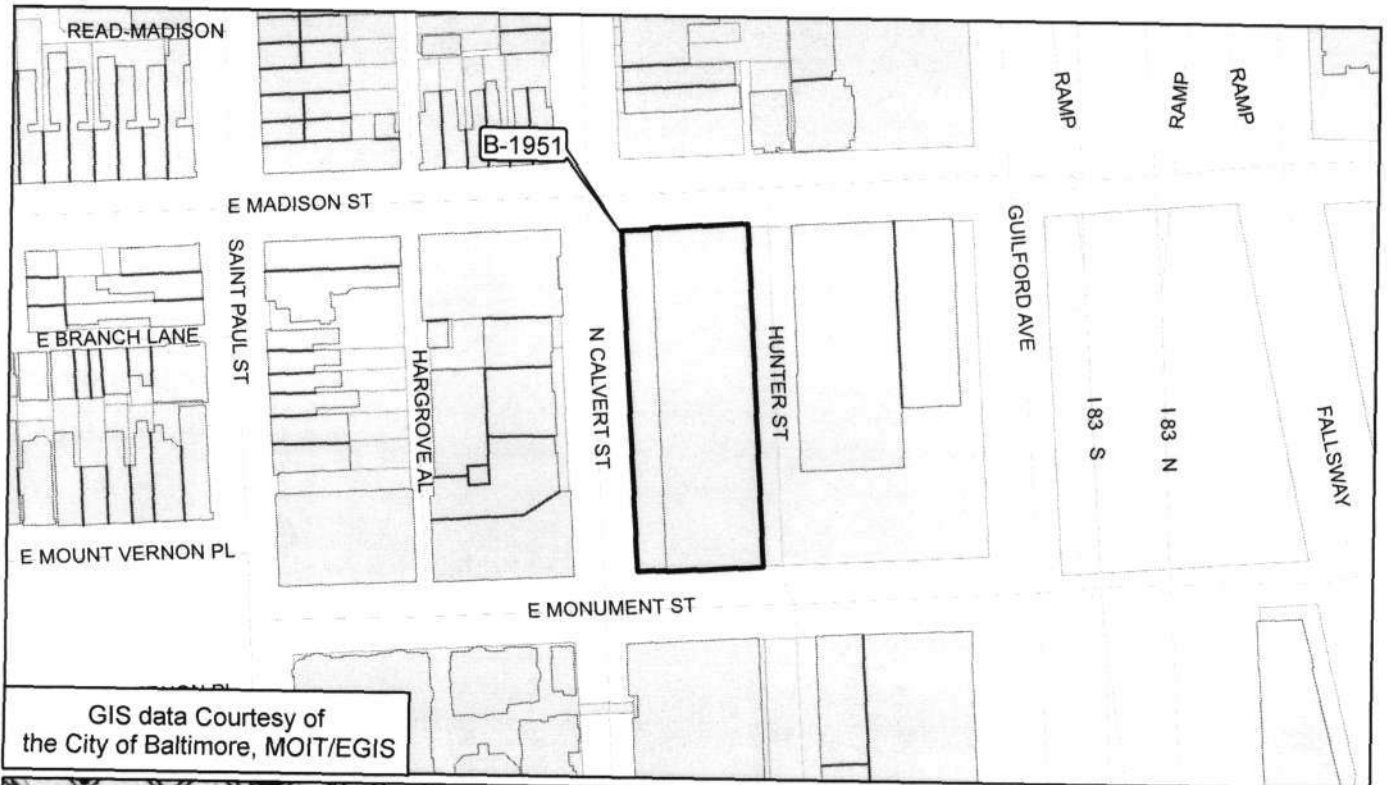
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 PROPERTY LOCATION DIVISION

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 BLOCK 528

SCALE 1" = 40' DATE JULY 1950

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State Highway Administration Headquarters
707 N. Calvert Street
Block 0528, Lot 001
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





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Social Security Building (State Highway Administration)
707 North Culvert street

BLK 528
Social Security Bldg.